AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

 (Previously Presented): A method of requirements traceability based on a UML model, comprising the steps of:

during the modeling, a graphics interface is used when creating an element of a model,

placing a requirement immediately on the element in this graphics interface and the element is systematically filled in with the upward requirement which has given rise to the creation of this element.

- (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of: when creating a UML Requirement which has repercussions on several elements of the model, attaching said requirement to the common element containing the set of elements on which the requirement has repercussions.
- (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of: when an element of the model is deleted, all the UML Requirements attached to this element are likewise deleted.
- (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein all the UML Requirements attached to all the elements attached to said element are likewise deleted.
- (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 1, comprising the steps of: the UML Requirements are exported to the "DOORS" requirements management tool so as to ensure therein their management and their traceability.

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 (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 5, comprising the steps of: the UML Requirements are exported to DOORS, in the course of the development of the model, each time that this model has attained a stable state.

- (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein when an element of the model is deleted, all the UML Requirements attached to this element are likewise deleted.
- (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the UML Requirements are exported to the DOORS requirements management tool so as to ensure therein their management and their traceability.
- (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the UML Requirements are exported to the DOORS requirements management tool so as to ensure therein their management and their traceability.
- 10. (Previously Presented): The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the UML Requirements are exported to the DOORS requirements management tool so as to ensure therein their management and their traceability.